United Nations A/AC.109/2006/L.6

General Assembly

Distr.: Limited
30 May 2006

Original: English

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

Question of sending visiting missions to Territories

The Special Committee,

Having considered the question of sending visiting missions to Territories,

Recalling the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee requesting the administering Powers to cooperate fully with the United Nations by receiving visiting missions in the Territories under their administration,

Mindful that United Nations visiting missions provide an effective means of assessing the situation in those Territories and of ascertaining the wishes and aspirations of the peoples thereof regarding their future status,

Conscious that United Nations visiting missions enhance the capacity of the United Nations to assist the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories in attaining the objectives set forth in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, in other relevant resolutions of the Assembly, and in the plan of action of the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism,

Noting with appreciation the continuing exemplary cooperation of New Zealand, as an administering Power, in the work of the Special Committee, and that, at the invitation of the Government of New Zealand, two visiting missions were dispatched to Tokelau in July 1994 and in August 2002,[1] as well as a mission to observe the referendum in Tokelau in February 2006,[2]

Noting with satisfaction the cooperation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as an administering Power, in facilitating United

[1] See A/AC.109/2009 and A/AC.109/2002/31.

[2] See A/AC.109/2006/20 (to be issued).

06-36668 (E) 010606

Nations special missions to Bermuda in March and May 2005,[3] and to the Turks and Caicos Islands in April 2006[4] at the request of the territorial governments,

Welcoming the invitation extended to the Special Committee by the Governor of American Samoa to send a visiting mission to the Territory,

1. *Stresses* the need to dispatch periodic visiting missions to Non-Self-Governing Territories in order to facilitate the full, speedy and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples with respect to those Territories, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations on decolonization and the plan of action of the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism;

2. *Calls upon* the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the United Nations by facilitating United Nations visiting missions to the Territories under their administration, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations on decolonization;

3. *Requests* the administering Powers to consider resuming formal cooperation with the Special Committee in furtherance of the decolonization mandate of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* its Chairman to continue consultations with the administering Powers concerned and to report thereon to the Special Committee on the results of those consultations.

---

[3] See A/AC.109/2005/19.

[4] See A/AC.109/2006/19.